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range set representative of the selected plant, and wherein, for each such record, the uniform quality end product results from application of the given set of product processing data to raw product falling within the associated product processing feature range set;

(d) determining the suitability of the one or more samples obtained in step (a) for processing into the uniform quality end product by comparing the at least one structural or functional index to the product processing feature range sets in the records; and

(e) if the at least one structural or functional index matches one of the product processing feature range sets in the records then, selecting the raw product so that when processed under the given set of product processing data, the selected raw product results in the uniform quality end product.